

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Jean-Paul Parizot <i>et al.</i> ,	)	Examiner: Brown, Michael A
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Serial No.: 10/511,377	)	Art Unit: 3772
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Filing Date: 07/11/2005	)	Confirmation No. 8734
	)	
For: <b>SPLINT FOR A JOINT CONNECTION</b>	)	
<b>AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION</b>	)	
<b>OF SUCH A SPLINT</b>	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND  
SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2009, regarding the above-referenced application, the Applicants respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.